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SUBJ: CONGO: ASSASSINATION OF CARDINAL

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1. POPE PAUL AT HIS WEEKLY GENERAL AUDIENCE MARCH 23 CALLED TO THE ATTENTION OF 7,000 PILGRIMS THE "BITTER AND SAD" NEWS ABOUT THE ASSASSINATION OF CARDINAL BIAYENDA AND ASKED THEM TO JOIN HIM IN A PRAYER FOR THE "PACIFICATION AND CONCORD" IN THE CONGO.

2. THE VATICAN ORGAN L'OSSERVATORE ROMANO TODAY (MARCH 24) CARRIES LONG FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL LAMENTING LOSS OF KEY AFRICAN CHURCHMAN BUT ATTRIBUTES THE ASSASSINATION NOT TO A "FAMILY VENDETTA" (AS CHARACTERIZED IN SOME ITALIAN NEWSPAPERS) OR TO "BANDITRY" OR "VIOLENCE", BUT TO "THE HATE AGAINST THE CHURCH AND ITS MINISTERS NOURISHED BY REVOLUTION-
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ARY TEACHINGS INSPIRED BY ATHEISM AND MATERIALISM WHICH SLANDER THE CHURCH AND ITS MINISTERS."

3. COMMENT: THE ASSASSINATION OF THE CARDINAL (THE FIRST SINCE ANARCHIST KILLED A SPANISH CARDINAL CIRCA 1922) HAS CAUSED GREAT CONCERN AT THE VATICAN ABOUT THE SAFETY OF CHURCHMEN IN AFRICA

WHERE THEY ARE ENGAGED IN MISSIONARY ACTIVITIES IN
THE MIDST OF A VARIETY OF RACIAL, POLITICAL, TRIBAL
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